(c) what was the revenue earned by these two media by way of advertising or otherwise in connection with the Reliance World Cricket Cup matches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Expenditure was incurred by Akashvani and Doordarshan on Reliance Cup cricket matches by their various All India Radio stations and Doordarshan Kendras in booking of commentators telephone lines and video and audio circuits etc. This information is not being maintained in a compiled form.

(b) Since there are a large number of Stations/Kendras in the network of All India Radio/Doordarshan the amount spent by these large number of stations/kendras on sports events is not maintained in a compiled form in respect of AIR/Doordarshan.

(c) The Gross revenue earned by All India Radio by securing advertisement for the Reliance Cup Matches is Rs. 30—42 lakhs and that by Doordarshan is Rs. 5.79 crores.

Import of Pulses

2192. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the rising trends in the price level of pulses, Government propose to import pulses from Australia and New Zealand;

(b) the quantum of pulses imported from each of the above countries during the last one year; and

(c) to what extent the price of pulses in the country are stable due to imports?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Import of pulses is allowed under Open General Licence subject to registration of contracts with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED). However, in view of the prevailing drought situation and rising trend in prices, NAFED and State Trading Corporation of India have been asked to import pulses for augmenting the supplies in the country.

During the financial year 1986-87, contracts for import of 1,17,255 tonnes of pulses from Australia and 19,268 tonnes of pulses from New Zealand were registered with NAFED. During the financial year 1987-88 (upto October 1987), contracts for 47,615 tonnes of pulses from Australia and 19.432 tonnes of pulses from New Zealand have been registered with NAFED. Contracts entered into by NAFED for import of pulses from Australia amounted to 2110 tonnes during the financial year 1987-88 (upto October 1987). Details of actual imports during the last one year have not become available.

(c) The impact of import on prices of individual pulses would depend on several factors including the quantum of imports the prices at which they are imported, etc. In the last ten weeks ending 7.11.1987, the wholesale price index of the subgroup of pulses has remained steady.

Allegation by the President of FAI

2193. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent